



NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION

Rebuilding Communities Through Indian Self-Reliance

In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service
Administrative Company Board of Directors

FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

October 21, 2005

It is my honor to write in nomination of Ms. Karen Buller for Board member position on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This Board position represents low-income consumers.

Ms. Buller's experience in advocacy for underserved Americans in the telecommunication field is unsurpassed. Ms. Buller has expert knowledge of the telecommunications needs of Americans. She has special knowledge of Native American needs, but she also knows the needs of urban underserved and other minority stakeholders. She is eminently qualified to serve in this position. I have been privileged to work with Ms. Buller and I know she has the respect and support of the Native American community.

My affiliate, National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) represents 168 tribes from North Carolina in the East to California in the West; and from Texas and Florida in the South to Montana in the North. Our member tribes represent a wide range of geographies and contribute millions of dollars to local economies. We depend on reliable telecommunications services. We support economic development in all areas of our nation's tribes.

I am pleased to nominate Karen Buller for the Low Income Consumer Representative on the USAC board. If I can be of help in any way, please do not hesitate to call me at 920- 869-4484.

Sincerely,

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